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MEMORANDUM FOR: RSI

SUBJECT : Comments on Basic Program:  STATINTL Draft Memo

1. Bill's reaction to John's draft memo is in the order of: "Everytime EXSUBCOM moves to investigate some part of the exploitation program that needs revamping, NPIC puts out a memo that captures the initiative". His concern is not with losing the "glory" or even the initiative. He feels that better results could be achieved if he, for EXSUBCOM, and John, for NPIC, could attack the problems jointly and move through the community structure. He has no complaints against the overall objectives of John's memo.

2. My own opinion is that John feels under some pressure to move more quickly into the Basic Program than EXSUBCOM can reasonably be expected to accomplished without a lot of direct pushing from us. I haven't done enough on the basic production effort to be overly opinionated. However, to anyone looking at the "why and wherefores" of intelligence programs the Basic Program does stand out immediately as one that needs close scrutiny to determine how responsive it is to customer needs.

3. I would think that the memo could be redrafted to accomplish all the above objectives, still be consistent with NPIC's management prerogatives, and not seem to undercut EXSUBCOM's role in supplying guidance on the Basic Program.

4. Attached are some data on the Basic Program that may prove useful.

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